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# PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997*

## MAJOR PROGRAMME VII. HUMAN RIGHTS, FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

### Programme 36. International protection of and assistance to refugees

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 36, International protection of and assistance to refugees, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1.

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* After adoption by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, the complete revised medium-term plan will be issued in final printed form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1).

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4. The following text modifies paragraphs 36.8, 36.17, 36.18, 36.23, 36.29, 36.30, 36.40, 36.41, 36.43, 36.45, 36.47 and 36.48 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

## A. Programme

Paragraph 36.8 — In the second sentence, after "most recently" replace the existing text with the following: "resolution 46/106 of 16 December 1991, other relevant resolutions adopted in recent years are resolutions 41/70 of 3 December 1986, endorsing the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on International Cooperation to Avert New Flows of Refugees; 46/182 of 19 December 1991, on strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations; 41/122 of 4 December 1986 and 42/107 of 7 December 1987, on the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa; 44/136 of 15 December 1989 and 45/137 of 14 December 1990, on the International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa; 42/110 of 7 December 1987, on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons of Central America; 43/118 of 8 December 1988 and 46/107 of 16 December 1991, on the International Conference on Central American Refugees; 43/119 of 8 December 1988 and 44/138 of 15 December 1989, on the International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees."

Paragraph 36.17 — Replace paragraph 36.17 with the following:

"The financing of the activities of UNHCR relies primarily on voluntary contributions. In 1991, about 97.7 per cent of the Office's total expenditure of $882.9 million were financed by voluntary contributions."

Paragraph 36.18 — Replace the second sentence with the following: "Within the United Nations, UNHCR cooperates very closely with the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peace-keeping Operations, the Centre for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information."

## B. Subprogrammes

### SUBPROGRAMME 1. INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES OR OTHERWISE BENEFITING REFUGEES

Paragraph 36.23 — Replace the four first sentences with the following: "The number of States that have acceded to the 1951 Convention and/or the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees has steadily increased over the years to reach 111 in 1992. Eighteen States have acceded to the European Agreement of 20 April 1959 on the abolition of visas for

refugees. Ten States have acceded to the European Agreement on the transfer of responsibility for Refugees."

SUBPROGRAMME 2. EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF REFUGEE RIGHTS

Paragraph 36.29 — Replace paragraph 36.29 with the following:

"At its forty-second session in 1991, the Executive Committee of UNHCR expressed its appreciation at the development of a comprehensive set of guidelines on the protection of refugee women and stressed the ongoing need to implement and monitor the effectiveness of these guidelines as well as UNHCR's policy on refugee women."

Paragraph 36.30 — At the end of the paragraph, add the following: "The forty-second session of the Executive Committee of the UNHCR (1991) welcomed the creation of a new post in UNHCR of coordinator on refugee children. The post is to ensure the coordination and follow-up of the policy on refugee children within UNHCR."

SUBPROGRAMME 4. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RELIEF, CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Paragraph 36.40 — Replace the third sentence with the following: "In 1991-1992, new emergencies in Africa, Asia and the Middle East have brought the number of people of concern to UNHCR to some 17 million people."

Paragraph 36.41 — Replace paragraph 36.41 with the following:

"In the field of care and maintenance, in 1991-1992 UNHCR was implementing large programmes in Ethiopia, Malawi, the Sudan, Guinea, and most recently Kenya. In south-west Asia, care and maintenance assistance to Afghan refugees in Pakistan remained the largest in the region. Included in the programme is a substantial component of income-generating and self-sufficiency activities. South-east Asia was also a major focus of UNHCR care and maintenance programmes in 1991. The situation in Hong Kong remained the most difficult, with fully 90 per cent of the new arrivals of Vietnamese in the region going to the colony. The Comprehensive Plan of Action agreed to at the International Conference on Indo-Chinese refugees held in June 1989 remains the framework for the solution to this case-load. In Latin America, a significant programme of care and maintenance is in place for Guatemalan refugees in Mexico. There are hopes that conditions will soon permit the voluntary repatriation of this group of refugees."

Paragraph 36.43 — Replace subparagraph 36.43 (1) with the following:

"In relation to refugee women, implement and monitor UNHCR's policy on refugee women and the guidelines for the protection of refugee women."

SUBPROGRAMME 5. DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Paragraph 36.45 — "In the second sentence, add "Cambodians, South Africans".

Paragraph 36.47 — Replace the sixth sentence with the following: "In 1991, some 33,000 individuals were resettled through UNHCR interventions."

Delete the last two sentences.

Paragraph 36.48 — Delete the first sentence.

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